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Referred to Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING THE COPYING OF PUBLIC RECORDS, FEE INCREASES FOR CERTAIN VITAL RECORDS, AND LIFETIME FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 1-212 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2005*):

4 (g) Any individual may copy a public record through the use of [a
5 hand-held scanner] an electronic data capturing device. A public
6 agency may establish a fee structure not to exceed [ten] thirty dollars
7 for an individual to pay each time the individual copies records at the
8 agency with [a hand-held scanner] an electronic data capturing device.
9 As used in this section, ["hand-held scanner"] "electronic data
10 capturing device" means (1) a battery operated electronic scanning
11 device the use of which [(1)] leaves no mark or impression on the
12 public record, and (2) any other photo imaging device that captures
13 the image of the document whether through scanning or photography.
14 The use of an electronic data capturing device may not unreasonably

15 interfere with the operation of the public agency.

16 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 7-34a of the general statutes is
17 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
18 *1, 2005*):

19 (a) Town clerks shall receive, for recording any document, ten
20 dollars for the first page and five dollars for each subsequent page or
21 fractional part thereof, a page being not more than eight and one-half
22 by fourteen inches. Town clerks shall receive, for recording the
23 information contained in a certificate of registration for the practice of
24 any of the healing arts, five dollars. Town clerks shall receive for
25 recording documents conforming to, or substantially similar to, section
26 47-36c, which are clearly entitled "statutory form" in the heading of
27 such documents, as follows: For the first page of a warranty deed, a
28 quitclaim deed, a mortgage deed, or an assignment of mortgage, ten
29 dollars; for each additional page of such documents, five dollars; and
30 for each marginal notation of an assignment of mortgage, subsequent
31 to the first two assignments, one dollar. Town clerks shall receive, for
32 recording any document with respect to which certain data must be
33 submitted by each town clerk to the Commissioner of Revenue
34 Services in accordance with section 10-261b, the sum of two dollars in
35 addition to the recording fee. Any person who offers any written
36 document for recording in the office of any town clerk, which
37 document fails to have legibly typed, printed or stamped directly
38 beneath the signatures the names of the persons who executed such
39 document, the names of any witnesses thereto and the name of the
40 officer before whom the same was acknowledged, shall pay one dollar
41 in addition to the regular fee. Town clerks shall receive for recording
42 any deed, except a mortgage deed, conveying title to real estate, which
43 deed does not contain the current mailing address of the grantee, the
44 sum of five dollars in addition to the regular recording fee. Town
45 clerks shall receive, for filing any document, five dollars, for receiving
46 and keeping a survey or map, legally filed in the town clerk's office,
47 five dollars and for indexing such survey or map, in accordance with

48 section 7-32, five dollars, except with respect to indexing any such
49 survey or map pertaining to a subdivision of land as defined in section
50 8-18, in which event town clerks shall receive fifteen dollars for each
51 such indexing. Town clerks shall receive, for a copy of any document
52 either recorded or filed in their offices, one dollar for each page or
53 fractional part thereof, as the case may be; for certifying any copy of
54 the same, [one dollar] three dollars, for making a copy of any survey or
55 map, the actual cost thereof; and for certifying such copy of a survey or
56 map, [one dollar] three dollars. Town clerks shall receive, for recording
57 the commission and oath of a notary public, ten dollars; for certifying
58 under seal to the official character of a notary, two dollars.

59 Sec. 3. Section 7-74 of the general statutes is repealed and the
60 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

61 (a) The fee for a certification of birth registration shall be [five]
62 fifteen dollars and the fee for a certified copy of a certificate of birth
63 shall be [five] fifteen dollars, [except that the] and each additional copy
64 of such certification or certificate shall be five dollars. The fee for such
65 certifications and copies when issued by the department shall be
66 fifteen dollars.

67 (b) The fee for a certified copy of a certificate of marriage or death
68 shall be [five] fifteen dollars, and each additional copy of the same
69 certificate at the time of the request shall be five dollars. Such fees shall
70 not be required of the department.

71 Sec. 4. Section 26-29 of the general statutes is repealed and the
72 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

73 No fee shall be charged for any sport fishing license issued under
74 this chapter to any blind person, and such license shall be a lifetime
75 license not subject to the expiration provisions of section 26-35. Proof
76 of such blindness shall be furnished, in the case of a veteran, by the
77 United States Veterans' Administration and, in the case of any other
78 person, by the State Board of Education of the Blind. For the purpose

79 of this section, a person shall be blind only if his central visual acuity
80 does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or if his
81 visual acuity is greater than 20/200 but is accompanied by a limitation
82 in the fields of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field
83 subtends an angle no greater than twenty degrees.

84 Sec. 5. Section 26-29a of the general statutes is repealed and the
85 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

86 No fee shall be charged for any sport fishing license issued under
87 this chapter to any [mentally retarded person] person with mental
88 retardation, and such license shall be a lifetime license not subject to
89 the expiration provisions of section 26-35. Proof of mental retardation
90 shall consist of a certificate to that effect issued by any person licensed
91 to practice medicine and surgery in this state.

92 Sec. 6. Section 26-29b of the general statutes is repealed and the
93 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

94 No fee shall be charged for any hunting, sport fishing or trapping
95 license issued under this chapter to any physically disabled person,
96 and such license shall be a lifetime license not subject to the expiration
97 provisions of section 26-35. For the purposes of this section, a
98 "physically disabled person" is any person whose disability consists of
99 the loss of one or more limbs or the permanent loss of the use of one or
100 more limbs. A physically disabled person shall submit to the
101 commissioner a certification, signed by a licensed physician, of such
102 disability. No fee shall be charged for any hunting or sport fishing
103 license issued under this chapter to any physically disabled person
104 who is not a resident of this state if such person is a resident of a state
105 in which a physically disabled person from Connecticut will not be
106 required to pay a fee for a hunting or sport fishing license and such
107 license shall be a lifetime license not subject to the expiration
108 provisions of section 26-35.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	1-212(g)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	7-34a(a)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	7-74
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	26-29
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	26-29a
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2005</i>	26-29b

Statement of Purpose:

To regulate the use of electronic data capturing devices, increase certain fees charged by town clerks, and provide lifetime fishing licenses for persons who are blind or mentally retarded and lifetime hunting and fishing licenses for persons who are physically disabled.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]